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Pages Learn About Legislature

Pages write bills

On Monday and Tuesday, each page wrote a bill designed to solve a problem. Topics for bills included driving age, noise control, shortened school hours for high-schools students, and cell-phone use. They reflect real issues that affect teen-age lives in Washington State. Once bills were printed, pages solicited so-sponsor signatures.



Get Good Grades, Cheaper Driver's Ed

Today, Representative Antolin introduced House bill 3245, which addresses the issue of Drivers ed cost. "The bill is a good one because people that will be good drivers or need to drive will not have to pay the large amount of money to learn how to drive," said Representative Antolin. If you have a grade point average of 3.0 or over you will be able to get a scholarship for drivers ed. If you do not have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher you will have to pay the full amount of money. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

Bill Proposes to Reduce Driver's Ed Time 80%

Today, Representative Alex Dawson introduced House bill 2765, which addresses the issue of Drivers Education. "The bill is a good one because it will greatly reduce the time kids have to spend in drivers ed class and it will reduce the price parents have to pay," said Senator John Gokcen. This bill will reduce the required hours of drivers ed class time from 50 hours to 10 hours. Right now, in order to obtain a license at 16 years old you must show proof of 50 hours of drivers ed class time, and

this bill would reduce that time by 80%. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on Feb. 23, 2005.

Increased Tax On Smoking Proposed

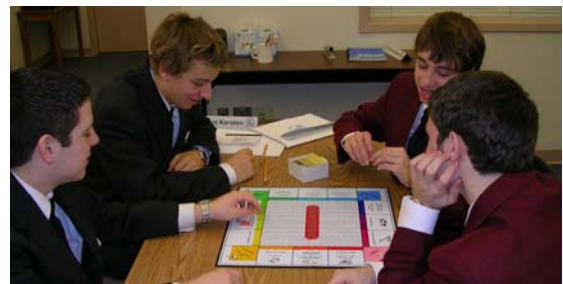
Today, Representative Alanna Feltner introduced House bill 1001, which addresses the issue of healthcare. "The bill is a good one because it will reduce the number of smokers in the state of Washington," said Representative Alanna Feltner. This bill will increase the tax on smoking to \$2.80 and the tax revenue will directly proceed to mental healthcare; then more help will be available for those who need help in overcoming their addiction. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2004.

Gay Marriage Made Legal?

Today, Representative Claire Fleckenstein introduced House bill 1234, which addresses the issue of gay marriage. "The bill is a good one because it legalizes gay marriage and protects homosexual people," said Representative Claire Fleckenstein. The bill says that any person over 18, can get married to whom ever they want. Whether is a man or woman, is up to them. It also puts people who harass homosexual people, in jail. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

Board game simulates bill process.

On Tuesday, pages played a board game designed to simulate for them the process by which a bill becomes a law in Washington State. They came to understand that only about ten percent of the bills that are introduced actually become laws. They also experienced the frustration of having a bill "die" in the middle of the process.



Bill Proposes Legalizing Gay Marriage

Today, Senator Stephanie Gallardo introduced Senate bill 6744, which addresses the issue of legalizing gay marriage. "The bill is a good one because there should be no laws that purposefully violate one's civil rights," said Senator Gallardo. This bill will legalize gay marriage and allow members of the GLBT community to gain full rights as married couples. The previous law which didn't allow GLBT couples to attain full rights as married couples was unconstitutional. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

School Cafeteria Haven

Today, Senator John Gokcen introduced Senate bill 8768, which addresses the issue of the quality of school cafeteria food. "The bill is a good one because it allows kids to get their money's worth in food from the cafeteria," said Representative Alex Dawson. Kids have always overpaid for their food from the school cafeteria. If this bill passes, all schools will have to raise the quality of their food to meet the standard of the prices they place on their food. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

Public Smoking Banned?

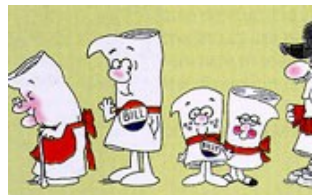
Today, Senator Kendall Hardy introduced Senate bill 6010, which addresses the issue of public smoking. "The bill is a good one because It prevents people being publicly exposed to second-hand smoke from getting smoking related diseases," said Senator Kendall Hardy. This will be good for many people and will definitely have a positive effect on the output of smoking related diseases. It will also decrease the chance of health risks for many people. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

The Colossal WASL

Today, Senator Robert C. Harkson introduced Senate bill 6784, which addresses the issue of the WASL. "The bill is a good one because It takes away the WASL which i think is a large waste of time and money," said Senator Robert C. Harkson. This bill takes away the WASL completely. because it is a waste of time and money, and schools learning revolves around it. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

I'm Just A Bill video provides review of bill process

After playing the Bill Process Game, pages viewed the video *I'm Just A Bill*. Many of them stated that they remembered viewing this in elementary school. This short video accurately illustrates all of the steps in the process.



Should the WASL Be Banned?

Today, Senator Anna Harrison introduced Senate bill 5555, which addresses the issue of the WASL. "The bill is a good one because it helps with the fact that schools analyze and make their students take the WASL in order to graduate. Students shouldn't have to be pressured towards taking one test, since many students get test taking anxiety. Therefore they receive poor test scores and are analyzed by something that isn't necessarily their true knowledge," said Senator Anna Harrison. The bill is trying to illegalize the WASL test as a graduation requirement. It explains why students may be against the WASL and its requirements. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

Protection From Pornography Sites

Today, Senator Morgan Hickel introduced Senate bill 5511, which addresses the issue of security of pornographic websites/links. "The bill is a good one because it helps with the security of pornographic websites/links so children or people do not accidentally stumble upon the websites/links," said Senator Morgan Hickel. This bill helps with the security of pornography websites/links by changing the web address to website name.xxx. This bill will not take away the websites but help so children or people who do not want to see pornography accidentally stumble upon a website with pornography on it. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

Schools Safe Once More

Today, Representative Brant Kersten introduced House bill 1607, which addresses the issue of security of firearms in the presence of young children. "The bill is a good one because it will keep our schools safe, as school is meant to be," said Representative Kersten. This bill will force family gun owners to keep their guns secure and/or hidden away from children. People who do not obey this law will face a substantial fine. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

No More NCLB?

Today, Representative Alison McCartan introduced House bill 1088, which addresses the issue of standardized tests in Washington public schools. "The bill is a good one because it will reduce stress on our students," said Representative Alison McCartan. This bill will make standardized tests non-

mandatory. Any student who does not wish to take one shall not be required to do so. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

Pages lobby their own bills

Pages practiced several lobbying techniques as they encouraged their colleagues to support their bills in committee hearings. They created posters, white papers, and speeches. In addition, pages completed media releases for this newsletter.



Drivers Education Prices Need To Be Raised!

Today, Representative Alex Soldano introduced House bill 1564, which addresses the issue of driver's education prices. "The bill is a good one because this bill reduces both teen car accidents and teen insurance rates," said Representative Alex Soldano. This bill raises the rates on driver's education which in turn creates less teen drivers. This then reduces teen accidents, obviously, and thus insurance rates for these drivers are significantly lowered. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

Freedom for Young Drivers.

Today, Representative Hannah Bale introduced House bill 1988, which addresses the issue of Intermediate license. "The bill is a good one because It would give young drivers more freedom," said Representative Bale. This bill would allow the young drivers to receive tickets and not lose their license. As of now if a driver with an intermediate license receives even two seatbelt tickets they will lose their license until they are 18 years old. This rule should be lifted and their license only taken away if they are driving recklessly or if they have a large amount of tickets. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on Feb. 23, 2005.



Environmental Bill for Evergreen State

Today, Representative Kristiana Henderson introduced House bill 1024, which addresses the issue of wetland protection and shifting all laws related to wetlands to the control of the state. "The bill is a good one because we will have a centralized, less corrupted, and environmentally-concerned system of protecting vulnerable areas like wetlands. Wetlands are necessary in so many ways in our state, and we need to protect these wildlife habitats before they are all destroyed. The Evergreen State should be a name implying our unique wildlife spaces, not how much money is in the hands of the developers," said Representative Henderson. The wetland protection bill moves all the lawmaking decisions from the control of local (county and city) governments to the Washington State government. The Wetland Protection Act closes pro-development loopholes that Representative Henderson believes are stacked unfairly heavily in favor of the developers. If it becomes law, the act would make it harder for development corporations to get the government to rename and rezone sensitive wetland areas for building. The bill also puts harsh restrictions on lobbying done by any businesses that would deal with the destruction of wetlands, so the state employees and legislators reviewing the specific wetland could impartially decide whether or not the wetland can be open for construction. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23rd, 2005.

Bill Supports Change In Voting Age

Today, Senator Hotvedt introduced Senate bill 7459, which addresses the issue of voting age. "The bill is a good one because there are kids being taxed without representation, which is unconstitutional," said Senator Hotvedt. The bill would reduce the voting age to 16 years old for people who have jobs and are having their wages taxed. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.



Committees debate bills, vote

Pages participated in simulated committee hearings on Wednesday. They read their bills and 'committee' members, governed by the rules of parliamentary procedure, and debated the pros and cons of the bills. Amendments were proposed, some of which passed, most of which did not. When pages voted on bills, many ideas were passed on to an imagined legislative body.

No Longer Standard, Standard Tests

Today, Representative Hough introduced House bill 2222, which addresses the issue of an essay in the SAT's. "The bill is a good one because it eliminates a judgmental portion of a standard test. Judgments and personal feelings should not get in the way of one person getting a better score than another. The test was standardized so that this would not happen and the essay has brought that aspect back," said Representative Hough. The bill he speaks about is a bill that will revert the SAT back the format that it was in before an essay section was added. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

New Bill Sends More Productive Students To School

Today, Senator Ankur Jain introduced Senate bill 6434, which addresses the issue of School Starting to Early. "The bill is a good one because it will allow students more time to rest, making them much more productive from the moment they step foot inside school," said Senator Ankur Jain. The bill would reform the generally accepted school timings. It would make schools start no earlier than 9 AM giving the students longer time to rest and refresh themselves, something lacking in today's hectic world. Furthermore it would stop after-school activities no later than 7 PM, giving plenty of time of sports while also creating time for work. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.



Child Safety Getting To School

Today, Senator Josh Mellinger introduced Senate bill 5789, which addresses the issue of child safety. "The bill is a good one because children going to school have a less chance of getting sick," said Senator Josh Mellinger. My bill will allow students attending school get to school more safely. With this bill students that live a half a mile or so away will be able to ride a bus to school. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

Very Talented, Smart, and Handsome Senator Introduces New Bill.

Today, Senator Mitchell Kearney introduced a Senate bill which addresses the issue of teacher salary. "The bill is a good

one because Teachers are currently getting under paid for the amount of work that they do. They raise up our youth and need to be better rewarded for doing that," said Senator Mitchell Kearney. The bill requires a raise in all teachers' salary by \$5000. If the school district fails to follow this, they will receive no government funding for the following five years. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.



Representative Zack Hudgins

McCoy, Hudgins, Flannigan visit, speak, answer questions

Representative John McCoy, Representative Zack Hudgins, and Representative Dennis Flannigan joined the pages during their classes on Thursday. Each of them told students about how they came to be involved in politics and were elected to their offices, and they discussed issues they are working on during this session. Pages were able to interact with these guests.



Representative John McCoy

Religious Practice In Schools

Today, Senator Wyatt Kemp introduced Senate bill 5650, which addresses the issue of Religion in schools. "The bill is a good one because it gives people the opportunity to practice their religion at school, not keeping them away from their faith," said Senator Kemp. This bill grants people the opportunity to read religious scripts and even pray to their gods during times of need or any other time. People have freedom of religion, as said in the Bill of Rights, so why do schools have the power to deny Them?. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23rd, 2005.

Gun Show Checks Proposed

Today, Representative Jeremy Kohlenberg introduced House bill 3221, which addresses the issue of Gun Show Background Checks. "The bill is a good one because it reduces the amount

of firearms owned by irresponsible citizens,” said Representative Jeremy. This bill will require all Gun Shows to give background checks. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2005.

Second Hand Smoke Smokes You

Today, Representative Julie Kranseler introduced House bill 1077, which addresses the issue of Second Hand Smoke. “The bill is a good one because who really wants to inhale smoke and die from the faults of others? The people who are smoking,” said Representative Julie Kranseler. This bill makes it so that smoking is only allowed in one's private house, not in public places. Also, this bill helps to clean the earth and decrease the pollution. This bill will also decrease lung cancer and other diseases caused by second hand smoke.. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on 2/23/05.

No Smoking In Public Places

Today, Senator McKenzie McAuliffe introduced Senate bill 5221, which addresses the issue of smoking in public places. “The bill is a good one because it provides health to the people who are not smokers ,” said Senator McKenzie McAuliffe. Smoking in public places should band because it can hurt but also kill people who are around smokers and they don’t even smoke themselves, which, is mostly in restaurants and bowling alleys. People go to bowl alleys mostly for fun but it is no fun when you come home and smell like smoke or your eyes burn so bad you don’t even want to open them. A lot of people a year die from smoking but almost half of them die not because they smoked but because they were around a smoker. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on 2/23/05.

Stop Abortion!

Today, Senator Molly Miller introduced Senate bill 6204, which addresses the issue of Pregnant woman are not allowed to have abortions. “The bill is a good one because abortion is taking the lives of people and needs to stop being an option for careless woman who end up pregnant because of their poor decisions.,” said Senator Molly Miller. This bill would help decrease the amount of teen pregnancies because the teens would know the consequences of having an abortion and therefore they would not take the risk of becoming pregnant unless they were committed to what the outcome would be with giving birth to the child. If anyone chooses to ignore this rule, they will have the consequences of being charged for the death of a child and will be sentenced up to 15 years in prison.. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

Harsher Punishment In Schools.

Today, Representative LeAnne Cohenour introduced House bill 2222, which addresses the issue of Education. “The bill is a good one because it would lower the amount of failing stu-

dents,” said Representative LeAnne Cohenour. This bill would give students and there parents more focused on school. The security officer that will be disbursing the punishment's pay will come from the D's and F's the students must pay/work off and the left over money from the less repairs of damaged school property. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

Budget debate stirs emotions

Using actual state budget figures, pages debated how to balance the state’s operating budget. Their task was to make up a \$2.65 billion deficit. “Is it always this hard?” asked a page as the debate intensified.



The Death Penalty

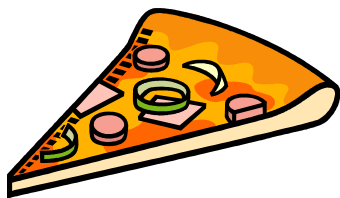
Today, Representative Levi Johnson introduced House bill 1002, which addresses the issue of the Death Penalty. “The bill is a good one because it will cost less for the government,” said Representative Levi Johnson. I would like to take the death penalty out of Washington State because it is a very costly endeavor for the government. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

Do You Want To Die Because You Don't Smoke?

Today, Representative Megan Petersen introduced House bill 2121, which addresses the issue of Preventing the spread of second hand smoke and abolishing smokers from smoking in public facilities and any other facility other than their own house or another house/piece of property owned by a person who allows smoking. “The bill is a good one because it could reduce the death rates of second hand smoke by a substantial amount,” said Representative Megan Petersen. This bill will put an end to smoke on our streets, restaurants, buses, trains, boats, schools, malls, and any other facility that a non smoker would go to and have to be confronted by a smoker and receiving second hand smokes. The penalties for a person smoking in the undesignated areas is 1st warning a \$85 fine, the 2nd time a \$200 fine, and the 3rd time the smoker will go to court for a trial. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

Pages celebrate, mingle at Thursday pizza party

Thursday afternoon, pages took a break from their regular duties and socialized with each other while eating pizza. This was an opportunity for House and Senate pages to mingle.



Too Much Homework

Today, Representative Melanie Stoehr introduced House bill 1902, which addresses the issue of unnecessary, excessive homework. "The bill is a good one because it will give students the opportunity to fully participate in other activities and encourage teachers to use their class time more effectively," said Representative Melanie Stoehr. This bill would only allow student attending public schools to receive up to two hours of homework each night. If online results are unsatisfactory from 25% of the school's students, action will be taken, eventually leading to a slight decrease in school funding. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.



Students and the WASL

Today, Senator Ellie Thomson introduced Senate bill 5001, which addresses the issue of tenth graders having to pass the WASL to graduate from High School. "The bill is a good one because not all students have the same strengths and weaknesses. If a student is very good in one subject, but does poorly in another, the WASL keeps the student from going to college and studying or majoring in the subject that they excel in," said Senator Ellie Thomson. The bill states that passing the tenth grade WASL should not be a graduation requirement. The WASL may still be given to students to see what they are lacking educationally, but is not a graduation requirement. If a school or school district fails to follow these guidelines they will be fined. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

Averaging The WASL

Today, Senator Taryn Trefsgar introduced Senate bill 6824, which addresses the issue of not having to pass the WASL in the 10th grade to graduate, but on an average on all 3. "The bill is a good one because not all kids will pass the WASL in 10th grade or will pass all but one part. The WASL may be harder in 10th grade so if they passed the other 2 they are set to graduate," said Senator Taryn Trefsgar. If it went on Average then it would take a lot of stress on Teenagers today that may have their hopes and dreams crushed by not passing WASL in 10th grade. If you have passed 1 out of 2 then you would just have a little bit more work to do. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

Academic Achievement Of Minority Students.

Today, Senator Marisol Sanchez y Lucero introduced Senate bill 6800, which addresses the issue of Education. "The bill is a good one because it will increase the self confidence of the students and will make them more motivated to stay in school.," said Senator Marisol Sanchez y Lucero. The purpose of this bill is to encourage parents to be more involved in how their child is doing and how they can find help if they themselves can't help them. Senator Sanchez y Lucero has also made it a requirement for the teacher to be fully bilingual in both languages, Spanish and English. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

Jeopardy creates hit

On Friday, pages tested their knowledge of the Legislative process in a spirited game of *Jeopardy*. Winning teams were awarded certificates and brightly colored stickers that they wore proudly for the rest of the day.



Lowered Voting Age?

Today, Representative Marley Resch introduced House bill 3415, which addresses the issue of lowering the voting age. "The bill is a good one because it will get minors more involved in politics and will also give them a say in what affects them such as political figures and initiatives," said Representative Marley Resch. Any person of sixteen or seventeen years of age will be given the opportunity to take a test that will determine their eligibility to vote. This will give teens a way to make a difference on things that matter to them, and a way to control their environment. The test will be created by the state to ensure everyone who will be voting before they are eighteen

have the knowledge to do so. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

Harsher Sentencing For People Who Kill Police Officers

Today, Senator Jon Munday introduced Senate bill 5555, which addresses the issue of harsher punishment for people who kill law enforcement officials. "The bill is a good one because it can deter people from committing this heinous act of violence," said Senator Jon Munday. This is a bill that will put family's of police officers who have been killed at peace because they will know that the killer will never be released from prison. This will also stop people from doing it because they will know that they will either be sent to prison for life without the possibility of parole or get the death penalty if they do it. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

School Security Enforcement

Today, Senator Thomas Breakfield introduced Senate bill 6666, which addresses the issue of enforcing school security. "The bill is a good one because kids are getting involved in things they shouldn't. By upping security we will improve test scores and class participation," said Senator Thomas Breakfield. This bill will keep good kids from going bad. This will also help bad kids become good. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

Driver's License Proposal

Today, Senator Max Brown introduced Senate bill 7474, which addresses the issue of Transportation for minors. "The bill is a good one because it allows minors easier access to transportation," said Senator Brown. During the process of attaining a driver's license there are two things that are needed. You must have had your instructional permit for 6 months and you have to have passed a driver's education course. Both of these goals can be attained at the age of 15, so why make someone wait?. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

Page School on the web

The Page School has its own web site. You can find us at: www.leg.wa.gov/common/pageschool/default.htm. This newsletter will be posted to the web early next week.

Good Teachers Deserve Reward

Today, Representative Sarah Colton introduced House bill 1222, which addresses the issue of teachers' wages. "The bill is a good one because teachers are underpaid as it is, but higher

wages should be given to deserving teachers, not just those who have held their position for longer," said Representative Sarah Colton. The bill is meant to reward teachers for their abilities instead of their experience. Instead of allowing teachers close to retirement who don't care about the students and just want their job to be over to remain the highest paid, teachers who truly care about their students and jobs will be rewarded based on yearly evaluations. Better teachers would also be protected from layoffs, while worse teachers' jobs could be at risk. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

Abolish Capital Punishment

Today, Senator Blaine Darrah introduced Senate bill 5467, which addresses the issue of Capital Punishment. "The bill is a good one because it takes away a bad name from the United States," said Senator Blaine Darrah. The bill will completely abolish Capital Punishment in the United States. Many countries see the United States as a savage place because of the torturous killings that happen on death row. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on 2/23/05.

Controversial Gun Bill Hits Senate.

Today, Senator Harrison Dietzman introduced Senate bill 6492, which addresses the issue of Concealed Weapons. "The bill is a good one because it will increase our dwindling freedom and enable us to protect ourselves and our families with greater ease," said Senator Dietzman. The bill will remove mandatory permits in order to carry a concealed weapon. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on 2/23/05.

Lower The Voting Age

Today, Senator Trevor Durant introduced Senate bill 7117, which addresses the issue of lowering the voting age to 16. "The bill is a good one because it will help broaden the voting party," said Senator Trevor Durant. Bill 7117 will lower the age to vote by two years. By doing this This will add about 100,000 more voters each year to help out in close call races. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

I Like Homework! Just Kidding

Today, Senator Quentin Kearney introduced Senate bill 7171, which addresses the issue of homework. "The bill is a good one because it will relieve students' stress and tension that homework causes," said Senator Kearney. This bill will cause homework to be eliminated from every school in the state of Washington. The reason for this is that homework causes stress for teens. Often times when homework is plentiful, students tend to stay up late trying to feverishly complete it. If teens do not get enough sleep, they will perform poorly at school the next day. If this bill is passed, students' stress will be relieved, and they will be able to get fully rested and ready to learn at school the

next day. Any would-be homework, would become school work, and if a student did not complete an assignment at the end of the period, it would be continued the next day. This is using the "No Child Left Behind Act" to its full potential. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

Bye Bye WASL!

Today, Representative Tess Nafziger introduced House bill 6955, which addresses the issue of needing to pass the WASL to receive a high school diploma. "The bill is a good one because the WASL is an unfair, limited way to test many different types of people," said Representative Nafziger. This bill's purpose is simply override a previous law that students must pass the Washington Assessment of Student Learning. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on 2/23/05.

Students Deserve Reasonable Absences

Today, Representative Soojin S. Kyle introduced House bill 1778, which addresses the issue of School absence policy. "The bill is a good one because students deserve reasonable absences such as doctor's appointment, volunteer commitment, career experiments and etc," said Representative Soojin S. Kyle. School absence policy should not count the reasonable absences as the normal absences. According to the current policy, maximum of 12 absences for each class per semester whether it is excused or not may result in drop of class with F. Therefore, the number of maximum absences should be reduced to 6 and allow excuse absence. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

Drunk Driving Kills...Friends, Family And All Others!

Today, Representative Tristan Davis introduced House bill 3838, which addresses the issue of drunk driving. "The bill is a good one because it will help reduce drunk driving accidents in the middle of the night," said Representative Davis. In order to keep our roads safer for the general public's safety, this bill is a necessity to be passed. People will be punished severely for breaking this law. Nobody will have to worry about losing a loved one in a car accident in the middle of the night. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

Drug Usage Punishments To Be Upgraded

Today, Senator Tyler J. Best introduced Senate bill 5045, which addresses the issue of More Severe punishments for

drug usage on school grounds. "The bill is a good one because some schools' punishment for students caught using or under this influence of drugs is too lenient, giving kids less of a reason to stop using these drugs around school," said Senator Tyler Best. The bill is to make those caught punishable by law. The punishment will be a sentence to juvenile detention according to the severity of the drug usage. Bill 5045 is referring to drug usage punishments on school grounds. Some schools have rather lenient punishments for students caught using or under the influence of drugs, this bill tries to influence more severe punishments for those caught. The punishment will be a juvenile detention sentence according to the severity of the drug usage. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 23, 2005.

Students Might Get More Sleep

Today, Senator Greg Bigelow introduced Senate bill 5666, which addresses the issue of school operating hours. "The bill is a good one because it allows students to get more sleep. This extra sleep will keep students more attentive at school, more physically fit, and much healthier," said Senator Bigelow. Bill 5666 does not allow public school classes to begin before 8:45 a.m. Bus pick up times will be adjusted to the new school times, and any school official not following the new laws will be removed from their position after one warning. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on 2/23/05.

Page School teachers

Page School's new 2005 teachers are (l-r): Becky Parchen, BJ Meiggs, and Vicky Whinnery.



The teachers for the first half of this week were: Omar Crowder, BJ Meiggs, and Becky Parchen.

